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Coffee County BOE approves personnel recommendations from superintendent

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In a special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education Tuesday, May 31, board members unanimously approved several personnel recommendations made by Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

Although the school system did have some resignations, Dr. Ingram said there were no non-renews handed to faculty members. She did tell board members most likely there will be a need for another called meeting either next week or the next to take care of some additional personnel matters.

The personnel matters approved by the board during Tuesday's called meeting included:

Certificated Personnel

The following teachers were recommended and approved for continued service status:

- Carli Linton - kindergarten teacher at Kinston School
- Janelle Glass - first grade teacher at Kinston School
- Bobbie Barnes - Spanish teacher at Kinston School and New Brockton High School
- Sandy Reeves - first grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School
- Staci Rountree - social studies teacher at New Brockton High School
- Shasta Arnett - first grade teacher at Zion Chapel School
- Joni Smith - fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School
- Gina Price - ARI Reading Coach

The following employees' resignations were recommended and accepted:

- Ashley Nelson Hall - English teacher at New Brockton High School
- Alarie S. Castleberry - band director at New Brockton High School
- Charis Granger Wallace - math teacher at Kinston School
- Justin Jones - remediation and physical education teacher/coach at New Brockton High School
- Paul Marsh - remediation and physical education teacher/coach at Kinston School
- Kerri G. Anderson - math teacher at New Brockton High School

The following employees

were recommended and approved for voluntary transfer:

- Transfer David Speigner from his position as a carpenter/career technical teacher on a 10-month contract at New Brockton High School to that of business education teacher on a 9 1/2 month contract at New Brockton High School pending his approval with the State Department of Education
- Transfer Karen W. Pettry from her position as special education teacher/speech pathologist at New Brockton Elementary School to that of special education teacher/speech pathologist for grades preschool through 12 at Zion Chapel School

The following teaching units were recommended and approved to be closed:

- Title I remediation class at Kinston School
- Title I remediation class at New Brockton High School
- Title I remediation class at Zion Chapel School
- Carpentry/Career Technical program at New Brockton High School

The following employee's request for a leave of absence was recommended and

- Lou Ann Bryan - special

education teacher at Zion Chapel School

- Mike Davis - fifth and seventh grade math remediation teacher at Zion Chapel School

The following employments were recommended and accepted:

- Julie Norris as English teacher at Zion Chapel School
- Tonita Bentley as Spanish teacher at Zion Chapel School
- Josh Peters as social sciences teacher at Zion Chapel School
- Josh Peters as an athletic coach at Zion Chapel School
- Sam Dean as math teacher at Kinston School
- Sam Dean as assistant football coach, head girls' junior high and varsity basketball coach and girls' junior high softball coach at Kinston School
- Brook Cavanaugh as English teacher at New Brockton High School
- Daphne Cook as ARI regional reading coach trainer to be located at New Brockton Elementary School

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Coffee County Board of Education members listened Tuesday, May 31, during a called board meeting as Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram and architect Carla Young presented options and ideas for various roofing and renovation projects. Early in the meeting, board members approved a bid for the single roof project at Zion Chapel School. Later on, the focus turned to the metal roofs for the school's gym and the elementary building. In looking at the gym project, Ingram said a need exists to enlarge the bathrooms for that building. She said the roofing project, forced by damages from a hail storm earlier in the year, might be a good time for the school system to consider going ahead and extending the building's roof a bit to allow for the bathrooms to be enlarged. As for the elementary building, Ingram said enrollment is up at the school and there might be a need to extend this building to allow for more classrooms to be added. With drawings in hand, Young pointed out several different factors to be considered with this project. Board members discussed several different options for the elementary project giving Young an idea of some things they do and do not want to see happen. Above, Young (standing) holds one of the many drawings she presented during Tuesday's meeting to help support the explanation of project ideas. Board member Jimmy Clark (left) listens while Dr. Ingram (left center) and Young answer a question presented by board chairman Charles Walker.

Mayor proclaims National Garden Week for Elba

It's that time of year when flowers are in full bloom and gardeners enjoy the sweet smell of their passion. Next week, gardening will be the center of attention across the nation as National Garden Week will be celebrated.

The City of Elba will be no exception as Elba Mayor James Grimes signed last Wednesday, May 25, signed a proclamation officially recognizing June 5-11, 2005 as National Garden Week.

The proclamation was presented to the mayor for signing by members of Elba's Azalea Garden Club.

In signing the proclamation, Mayor Grimes asked the citizens of Elba to acknowledge the importance of gardening and the numerous contributions of gardeners. He agreed that gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to life through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers.

The proclamation also recognized that garden-



ers advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share the world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology. Mayor Grimes was joined for the proclamation signing by three members of the Azalea Garden Club. They included (from left) Betty Cox, president; Carol Jackson, secretary; and Mary Young, longtime club member.

National Garden Week officially is promoted by the National Garden Clubs Inc.

County holds annual LEPC meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County conducted its annual Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting Monday evening, May 23rd.

Larry Walker, deputy director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, told presented a report regarding the number of chemical spills/releases from the past 12 months.

There were six spills during the year with the majority of those being diesel fuel spilling onto roadways following traffic accidents.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, said the county has received \$381,000 in

Homeland Security grants since the end of 2003.

While most of that money has gone to Homeland Security, he said this year the stakeholders agreed to use some of the funds to upgrade security at the county courthouses.

Tallas also told those in attendance that the county's Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan received FEMA approval on Feb. 28th.

Pete McGough, regional director for the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, attended the meeting and said predictions are for this year's hurricane season to be more active than last year. He provided information on the Alabama Hurricane Workshop to be held June 23rd and 24th.

Area Happenings

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Coffee County Commission conducts routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission began and ended its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, May 23, in less than 30 minutes with no old or new business on the agenda.

County engineer Randy Tindell presented commissioners with photographs of a fence put up some years ago by the county on County Road 617.

He said the fence is a semi-privacy fence, and based on information he could attain, it seems the county put it up to help hide a drain pipe.

Tindell said the fence has deteriorated over the years and needs to be "cleaned up or something." He said it is on the road's right-of-way, and the landowner is requesting the county either repair the fence or replace it.

Tindell recommended the county clean the fence.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said the fence currently is an eyesore, and he offered a motion to replace it. However, the motion died for lack of a second.

The discussion ended with an agreement for the fence to be cleaned.

Next, the vote on the original motion as amended passed with all voting in favor except Dalrymple.

In other business, commissioners:

- approved a motion to allow Tindell to send out bids for motor grader blades.

Dalrymple commended everyone involved with the renovation work done to the community room. He said the room looks a lot better.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook asked about the reward for the capture of those responsible for the recent bridge burnings, but she was told no word had been received yet from the DA's office.

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ELBA DEPARTMENT HONORED The Elba Police Department was recently honored by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Glen Dunlap, center, is shown presenting the certificate to Elba Police Chief Freddie Hanchey. Looking on is City Clerk Wayne Craswell. Dunlap explained that Elba was getting the distinction due to high praise from department employees who have been called to active military duty. The employees praised the department for continued individual and strong family support during their military deployment.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Our long track record at the newspaper includes photographing more wrecks and other scenes of violence than any average person should have to witness in three lifetimes. Many people get hardened to tragic scenes with such repeated occurrences. We have never reached that point in life and hopefully never will. In spite of all these years of exposure, it is easy for us to get a very sick feeling when there is a young person, especially a child involved. That was true recently at the wreck which took the life of three-year old Jeremiah "Lil Man" Hooks. Rescue personnel indicated when they left for the hospital with him that his condition was not good. Then when one of the little girls asks, "will my momma have to go to the hospital?" you have to wonder what exactly is right to say to a child when you really don't know the ultimate end. It wasn't sure at the time that mother would be alive when she was finally extracted from the overturned car. It was a given that she would at best be going to the hospital. All we did say to that child was to reassure her that those people working with her mother were real good and would do all they could to help her. It seemed to temporarily satisfy a very traumatized four year old girl.

Newsweek magazine is still smarting from having to retract a story which sparked several killings in the Middle East. Muslims marched, demonstrated, killed, etc., over a Newsweek report that an American soldier had been disrespectful to a copy of their bible. Newsweek later said they couldn't prove the story was true. A few days ago we saw an editorial cartoon somewhere wondering why these demonstrators didn't get equally upset on 9/11 or several other times when extremist bombed American institutions or airplanes and actually killed innocent people. We agree with that question as far as it went but could add to it questions about feelings on the continuing killing of their own countrymen (and little children), sometimes simply because they happened to be in the marketplace, church or wherever, when the loosely placed bombs exploded. The bombs are apparently put there just to kill, totally disregarding any respect for human life. Now those are the people who need to be demonstrated against.

Tuesday morning, just before noon, Elba finally got a little shower of rain. As it was ending we walked out the front door of the office and just stood in awe. The sun was shining on the landscape (and clouds) just right and it was a beautiful site to behold. This only lasted a few minutes before the dark clouds completely blanketed the sky again, greatly cutting the light and much of the sparkle of the moment. But not before our memory was forever blessed with another great "Kodak moment" as a reminder of the many beautiful things a person has to be thankful for by living in South Alabama in the good old USA!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 23, 2005, investigated the following incidents: three for theft of property, three for criminal mischief, one for menacing, two for sexual abuse, one for domestic violence, one for harassment, one for unauthorized use of a vehicle and two for assault.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence and one for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: ten for not wearing a seat belt, one for a suspended driver's license, two for improper headlights, one for no insurance, two for speeding, one for an expired tag. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 23 - River stage - 6.00 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9432 Hwy. 141 (7:32 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 13530 Hwy. 87 (11:28 a.m.); Disturbance reported at a residence on Putnam St. (5:59 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 24 - River stage - 7.18 feet (7:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1097 County Rd. 201 (1:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 11325 Hwy. 87 S. (5:45 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1032 Martin Luther King Dr., Lot 1 (8:44 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 - River stage - 5.80 feet (7:41 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, MAY 26 - River stage - 6.59 feet (7:00 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, MAY 27 - Criminal mischief reported at 611 Jackson (2:42 a.m.); River stage - 7.18 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 215 (3:07 p.m.); Prowler reported on Lake Lee Dr. (9:08 p.m.); Fight in progress at 641 Jackson (9:20 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at the Elba Villas (10:17 p.m.); Possible fight in progress reported on Simmons St. (10:58 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 28 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1020 County Rd. 114 (7:01 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Hickman Ave. and the 203 Highway (1:30 a.m.); Fight reported across from 1215 Deal St. (12:32 p.m.); Fight in progress (possible subject with gun involved) at the Mulberry Park (9:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Mulberry Park (9:07 p.m.); Fight in progress (possibly with knives) on Jackson (9:26 p.m.); Fight in progress on Jackson at the funeral home (9:52 p.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported at the Elba Villas, Apt. C2 (10:55 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 29 - Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at Burch's Trailer Park (9:17 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported near Smith Ave. and Herman Driggers Dr. (5:58 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 1123 Guyton St. (7:16 p.m.).

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Keeping faith with our military and veterans

by Congressman Terry Everett

America's men and women in uniform and our military veterans

ans should be upmost on our minds this week as the nation pauses to reflect upon their sacrifices for our freedom. Congress has done much in the last month to honor our present and former service members as well as their fallen comrades. From approving increased pay for our soldiers to passing

enhanced benefits for those who no longer wear our military uniform, Congress stands shoulder to shoulder with our nation's heroes.

May has been a significant month for our military and veterans as legislation has cleared the House heralding major benefit increases. The most dramatic of these bills is one that I'm personally proud of since it incorporated elements of my own legislation to greatly expand military death benefits.

The Emergency Wartime Supplemental, which passed the House and Senate in early May, raised the military combat death gratuity from \$12,240 to \$100,000. It also boosted the maximum coverage for Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI) from \$250,000 to \$400,000, with the government guaranteeing the first \$150,000.

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For America's active duty military personnel, the National Defense Authorization Act provides a 3.1 percent pay raise, and it bolsters the maximum amount of hardship pay for our soldiers to passing

\$300 to \$750 a month.

On the heels of the defense bill's passage, last Thursday the

U.S. House overwhelmingly approved (425 to 1) the Military Quality of Life Appropriations Act. This legislation included a \$1.64 billion increase over 2005 levels for veterans' healthcare nationwide. This builds on Congress's commitment to our veterans as VA healthcare spending has grown by 18 percent over the last two years. The overall veterans budget for 2006 stands at a record \$68.1 billion.

In addition to increased spending on veterans' healthcare in 2006, the new veterans' budget increases funding for major veterans' health facility construction by 33 percent, and it maintains the partnership between the VA and states for

cost-sharing in caring for veterans in state nursing homes. Furthermore, the new VA budget funds cost-of-living increases for service-connected veterans and survivors. It also raises readjustment

benefits for military returning to civilian life by 26 percent, expanding education and training benefits for Reserve personnel ordered to active duty.

While there will never be a way to completely compensate our veterans for their courageous service to our country, we can continually strive to provide them with proper healthcare and benefits. The recent actions by Congress represent real progress in this ongoing effort.

The same goes for a community. Have a plan; know what and where your resources are, and to whom you can look for leadership. Yes, the city can help, but it is physically beyond their response capability to meet all of the emergency needs of its citizens. Some people in your community will need more help than others. You know who they are; they are your neighbors and your friends.

This is what Red Cross' Disaster Services is all about. In cooperation with Partner Organizations, a plan is worked out to meet Emergency Disaster Related needs for those affected by Disaster.

The Red Cross is a volunteer organization made of local citizens who plan, prepare, and train for emergencies. Lifeguards, First Aid & CPR, Service to Military, and Disaster Services are all part of the plan.

We are asking individuals, civic groups, businesses, and churches to start thinking now on how they might be part of this team. We have volunteers aged from 14 to 80 years old. Age is not a factor as there is always something you can do.

All disaster training is free and can be made available at your convenience. If you or your group would like to know more, please give us a call at 347-2461. Volunteer applications are available at Elba City Sincerely,

Elaine Roberts Disaster Services

Probate Judge William O. Gammill, along with Chief Clerk Susan Carmichael (Enterprise office) and Robert Edmondson (Elba office), recently received a Certificate of Achievement from Director Bob McCurley and Associate Director Penny Davis from the Alabama Law Institute for completing the "Law for Probate Judges Course." This course was offered by the Alabama Law Institute and the Alabama Probate Judges' Association at the University of Alabama School of Law. The course was an in-depth study of the law administered by Probate Judges in the following areas: probate of wills, administration of estates, commitments to mental facilities, adoptions, guardianships, conservatorships, eminent domain, election laws, real estate, uniform commercial code and general courtroom procedure. This course was conducted in 10 sessions of two or three days each over the past four years.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter

Elba United Methodist Church

When I became a Navy Chaplain it took me a while to learn the Navy language. For instance, the water fountain was called a "scutibutt". As the sailors would stop by for a drink of water, they would gather and engage in conversation. Sometimes the scutibutt would be rumors or misinformation and sometimes the right information.

Some people deliberately start rumors. Words can be damaging and can hurt people's reputations and feelings. We all know the old proverb "the pen is mightier than the sword". This old proverb reminds us of the power of words. James in his epistle tells us that our Christian witness is worthless if we cannot keep a tight rein on our tongues (James 1:26). James also tells us that the tongue is full of deadly poison (James 3:8).

As Christians we should build up one another. We should never say anything that will hurt or harm another person. James tells us that "with the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness" (James 3:9). Putting a rein on the human tongue is hard to do but in order to please our Heavenly Father, it is something we must work at. Jesus told us to love one another by treating one another with kindness.

Mann Kirkland Singers to be in concert at Haw Hill Assembly of God

Haw Hill Assembly of God Church will sponsor a gospel singing Friday, June 3, beginning at 7:25 p.m.

The featured group will be the Mann Kirkland Singers. Everybody is invited to attend.

Medical Coding Class Offered

Medical Coding Experience NOT Required to Enroll

LBW Community College
MacArthur Campus
Opp, AL
July 5th - October 13th, 2005
Tuesday and Thursday 6 pm - 8 pm

This is a short-term training course offered by LBWCC's Adult Education and Skills Training Division. Participants will learn coding rules for CPT, ICD-9-CM, and Level II (HCPCS) coding systems and then apply the rules to code DRG, APC, RUGSII. Course objectives include: understanding the importance of coding and combine it with their knowledge of reimbursement and coding guidelines to optimize physician payment within compliance. This course requires 10 hours per week study time outside of class.

Course Fee: \$1,000.00
Required Books: \$400.00
Total Cost: \$1,400.00

This is a study program only. Upon completion, students will be eligible to sit for the certification exam. There will be an additional fee for certification exam.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 17th

For More Information or to Register, Please Call:

(334) 493-3573, ext. 5360 or 5344

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Sanson, Ala.
Rev. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Even. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sanson, Ala.
Rev. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Nathan Carroll, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eddie Phillips-Capen, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Stone, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Mart Gray, Pastor
Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities): 6:00 p.m.

Westside Bible School planned for June 6-10

Westside Baptist Church is planning Vacation Bible School for June 6-10. The hours are from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Covenant Community Church of Elba to host Sonlight Youth Choir

Covenant Community Church of Elba, Ala., will host Sonlight Youth Choir of Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, Fla., during their summer tour.

Sonlight will be in concert Monday, June 13. The local youth band from Covenant will perform at 7 p.m., and Sonlight will perform at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and admission is free.

Directed by DJ Head, Sonlight provides the music for Trinity's main worship service every Sunday with more than 75 voices. All the instrumentalists and soloists are middle and high school students with a dedicated group of teens in leadership roles, technical support, and sound and multimedia production.

For more information, call the church office at (334) 897-2288.

Basin Baptist Church to hold Vacation Bible School June 5th - 9th

Basin Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 5th - 9th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for ages 3 - 6th grade.

For more information or a ride, call 897-3828.

VBS planned for June 6-10 at Jack Assembly of God

Jack Assembly of God Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. nightly. This year's children's program is Kingdom of the Son, a week of prayer safari adventure. The teens' course of study will be

Camp Meeting to continue at Elba Church of God

Camp Meeting will continue at the Elba Church of God. Services start at 7:00 PM Tuesday through Friday with different speakers every night.

Local and out of town singers will minister nightly. Visitors are welcome to worship with Pastor Ron Stallard and the Elba Church of God members.

Deadline for Church News is Monday!

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***SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:22-29

***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:

Burford Coleman, Rayfield Coleman, Nettie R. Hogan, Adelle Edwards, Rev. John L. Grayer, Rev. Charles Lane, Marie Tillis, Mattie Belcher, Annie Pearl Carpenter

Poem
LEAN AND DEPEND ON ME

Lean and depend on me Jesus, the Master said I want you to be my child Remember, I'll take care of you whatever befalls.

Believe in me, trust in me I'll walk by your side Lay your head on my shoulders I'll be your guide.

Your burdens will get heavy Your hills will get hard to climb So on this Christian journey Keep me Jesus on your mind. Temptations will come before you There will be stones you cannot see I'm the way, the truth, and the light Lean and depend on Me.

Composed by Eria Belcher

GOSPEL MUSIC SUMMER FEST June 25-26

Sasser Mill Assembly of God to host Gospel Singing

Sasser Mill Assembly of God will be hosting a Gospel Singing Sat. night, June 4 at 7 p.m. This event will be featuring The Gospel Daily Boys of

Puppet Show & kick-off for VBS scheduled

for June 12 at New Hope Baptist Church

New Hope Baptist Church of the New Hope Community on County Road 114 will hold a recreation and lots of other fun. Meals provided each night. Classes are for all ages. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 735-5408.

A puppet show and VBS Kickoff will be June 12, 2005 at 5 p.m. Vacation Bible School classes, June 13-17, will be from

p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. For more information call (334) 670-0628 or (912) 877-3230.

***HARVEST IS COME CONFERENCE - Host pastor is Melvin Knight, guest speaker for Friday Night, June 24-7:00 p.m. will be Rev. Andre Wright, Hinesville Ga. Sunday, June 26-11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be Pastor Sylvester Robinson-Richmond Hill, Ga. Special music will be by The Knight Family of Elba.

Admission is free. The conference will be held at The City Without Walls Ministries located on Hwy. 331, Troy. For more information call: (334) 670-0628, (334) 397-5152 or (912) 877-3230.

***PERSONAL- Alan Belcher, Camenda Cox, and William Rogers, Tuskegee, Ala., Rev. Joyce B. Johnson & Otis Johnson, Tusculosa, Ala.; Minister Robert Edwards, Opp, Ala., Christopher and Kira Belcher, Montgomery, Ala., Ernestine Kelley, Evelyn Manning and Eria L. Belcher of Elba Ala., attended the Enterprise High school Commencement Exercises at Bates Memorial Stadium, Enterprise, Ala. on May 26. Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria

LIFESTYLES

Vaughan Boyd and Grant Lyon honored with Mexican Fiesta Dinner

Vaughan Boyd and Grant Lyon enjoyed a little bit of Mexico recently when Bert and Cheryl Morrow and Andy, Gypsy Smith and Jake Lubert and Sammy Morrow entertained at the Morrow home in Mountain Brook, Ala.

Sombreros, gaily striped serapes and terra cotta pots overflowing with vivid summer flowers created a "South of the Border" atmosphere for a party designed for the young wedding attendants' enjoyment.

The evening began with elaborate hors d'oeuvres served in the beautifully landscaped back garden. Later the guests were invited into the family room where tables were set with brightly colored linens and Mexican pottery. Fajitas were served here as well as Bert's specialty, Key Lime pie. Miniature bottles of Kahula wrapped in raffia were favors.

Vaughan and Grant were given a large basket filled with everything they would need to host a Mexican party of their own.

Wedding attendants attending included: Courtney and Scott McCrory, Birmingham; Chris Bushby, Birmingham; Kelly King, Birmingham; Josh Gamble, Birmingham; Lee Williams, Birmingham; Philiding and Shanna Handley, Columbiana, Ala.; Kevin Barbario, Birmingham; Andy Evans, Birmingham; Parker Phillips, Cookeville, Tenn.; and Shannon Carnathan, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Family members enjoying the evening were Elbians, Jake Lubert and Sammy Morrow, Harriette Boyd, Maggie Dean Boyd and Amorette Helms. John and Shari Lyon drove from Knoxville to be with Grant and Vaughan and their friends.

Special guests were the delightful young sons of the Morrow family, Jake, Charlie and Mitch.

Christmas Ornament Party held for Vaughan Boyd, bride-elect of Grant Lyon

During the Christmas season Vaughan Boyd was guest of honor at a Christmas ornament party at the Olde South Inn.

The inn's reception rooms were elaborately set with all the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Fresh greenery and flickering candles graced the triple mantels, and tall Christmas trees were laden with unusual ornaments, both antique and contemporary.

One tree stood untrimmed and as the ladies arrived their gift ornaments were placed on its branches. The tree itself was a gift to Vaughan from the hostesses.

A sumptuous tea table was set in the dining room so the many guests who called could enjoy tea and a leisurely visit with the honoree, her local and out of town friends.

Attending from Knoxville was Shari Lyon, the groom's mother and from Crossville, Tenn., his grandmother, Julia Storey, Jamie Dorsett of Prattville, Ala., who will be the maid-of-honor, attended. Also attending from out-of-town were Mrs. Pat Williams and Mrs. Sonya Helms, both of Enterprise.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Lynn Weeks, Mrs. Christina Anderson, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Susan Barnes, Mrs. Valerie Moore and Mrs. Gloria Moseley.

Annual Crocker Reunion to be held June 12

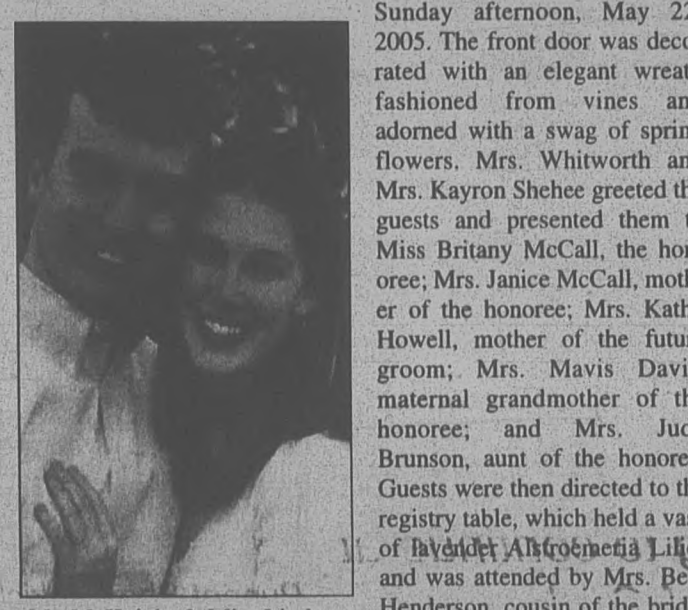
The annual Crocker Family Reunion will be held Sunday, June 12, from 12 noon-Until at the Masonic Lodge, located on the airport road in Elba. The lodge will be open by 10:30 a.m. for anyone arriving early. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. Drinks, ice, paper goods and meats will be provided.



Pictured seated-Miss Britany McCall-honoree; standing L-R: Mrs. Mavis Davis, Mrs. Janice McCall, Mrs. Kaye Whitworth, Mrs. Kathy Howell and Mrs. Judy Brunson

Miss Britany McCall honored with miscellaneous bridal shower on May 22

Many friends gathered at the lovely Highland Drive home of Mrs. Kaye Whitworth for a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Britany McCall.



Mr. McKnight & Miss Lindsey

Lindsey-McKnight wedding planned for August 27th

Jo Ann Lindsey of Tusculosa, Ala. and Mike and Gina Lindsey of Evans, Ga., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Crystal Jeanelle Lindsey of Atlanta Ga., to Bradford Alan McKnight of Lilburn, Ga. son of Jeff & Cindy McKnight, also of Lilburn.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jerry & Fumiko Flowers of New Brockton, Ala. and the late Clifford and Jeanelle Lindsey also of New Brockton and Bob Higley & the late Josephine Higley, St. Cloud, Fla.

She is a 1999 graduate of Daleville High School, Daleville, Ala. and graduated from Auburn University, Auburn, Ala. Magna Cum Laude in 2003 with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration; graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2004 with a Master's of Accountancy. She is presently employed with an accounting firm in Atlanta, Ga.

The future groom is the grandson of Eloise Riner & the late Dupree Riner of Chamblee, Ga. and Neil McKnight & the late Gerald McKnight of Dothan, Ala.

He is a 1999 graduate of Parkview High School, Lilburn, Ga.; graduated from Auburn University, Magna Cum Laude in 2003 with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration; graduated Cum Laude in 2004 with a Master's of Accountancy. He is a brother of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, and is presently employed with an accounting firm in Atlanta.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, August 27, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., at the Mountain Brook United Methodist Church, Stone Mountain, Ga. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Miss Bates and Mr. Moates to be united in holy matrimony July 9th

Ronald and Connie Bates of Athens, Ala. announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Essie Brook Bates to Samuel Carol Moates, son of Tom and Carolyn Moates of Enterprise, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Cherry and the late Charles Yeager of Athens, Ala. and Lois and the late James Bates of Decatur, Ala.

She earned a B.S. degree in English Education at Auburn University.

The future groom is the grandson of Carol and Harper Marler of Elba, and the late Harris and Anne Moates of Enterprise.

He has earned a B.S. degree in Physical Education at The University of Alabama. The wedding will be an event of Saturday, July 9, 2005 at 2 o'clock in the evening at First Baptist Church of Athens. A reception will follow at First Baptist Church Family Life Center. All friends are invited.



Mr. Moates and Miss Bates

The Dorothy Rainer Sellars School of Dance presents "An Evening of Dance 2005"

An Evening Of Dance, 2005 to be presented in the Opp High School Auditorium Friday and Saturday evenings, June 3 and 4, is the fifty-second annual presentation of the Dorothy Rainer Sellars School of Dance. Showtime is 8:00 o'clock. Students performing are from Andalusia, Brantley, Dozier, Elba, Enterprise, Florala, Kinston, Samson, and Opp.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the school, the program will include illustrations of some of the learning activities in pre-school classes, dances with international themes, dances with "things" from maracas and tambourines to spoons and canes and a set of dances that are classics in the history of tap. The Ballet Class will perform a "Salute to Degas" to Weber's "Invitation to the Dance" and a set of dances to Beethoven's "Country Dances."

A special treat for "An Evening of Dance" is always the piano interlude by The Rainer Twins and the slapstick hijinks of Genie Loggins (The Little Old Lady) and Trippy McGuire.

"An Evening of Dance" is presented annually as a contribution to the cultural life of the area. There is no admission charge.

Students performing are: Sara Bane, Meredith Brunson, Shelby Brunson, Katelyn Calhoun, Vicki Spincer, Jean Spurlin, Vicki Stinson, Jumelle Tindol, Candace Vaughan, Sue Ellen Weeks, and Kaye Whitworth.

Jeffery and Christy Wood of Coffee Springs, Ala., announces the birth of their daughter, Hannah Leann Wood. Hannah was born Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala. She weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches in length.

Hannah is the granddaughter of Clarence and Margie Wood of Coffee Springs and Loyd and Betty Driggers of Elba, Ala.

She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Ollie Ruth Hickman and the late Mr. Vertice J. Hickman of Coffee Springs, Ala., the late Mr. and Mrs. Melton Wood of Ino Community, the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie F. Driggers, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Louie Bradshaw of Elba.

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SCHOOLS

Reflections upon seeing a picture

by Casey Medlock and Kayla Kelley

As part of a writing assignment for their English class, some eighth graders were required to look at a random picture passed out to them and write a story concerning the photo. This is one of those assignments that has the potential to rack your brain...there are so many things one can write about the picture that he or she is unable to actually write anything. The result of this assignment almost always contains a great amount of creativity and imagination.

Two students, Cortlin Lee and Andrew Head, wrote stories that stood out from the rest of their class. Each student incorporated their picture into the story and continued on to finish the story as they pleased...

by Cortlin Lee

"Hey Carrie, do you like this part of the recital?" Susan whispered.

"No, it is so boring, they are not even dancing. Mrs. Gammal is just talking about what we have done this year." Carrie replied as she tried not to fall asleep.

"Shh...don't you two know that if you get caught talking, then you both will have to sit out of dance class for two weeks?" Rebecca intervened.

"Rebecca, quit trying to be a teacher's pet for once. I know you think this is boring, too. Mrs. Gammal is not going to catch us talking," Susan exclaimed.

"She may not catch you talking, but I just caught you all!" Mr. Grant said. "Now pay attention and don't make me come back. Look, they are starting The Nutcracker." Mr. Grant walked back to his chair and the

girls watched the recital with close observation.

After the recital, Mrs. Gammal approached the girls. "Girls, what was all the commotion about while I was speaking?"

Susan shamefully exclaimed, "We were talking while you were onstage. I'm sorry." The girls did not know that Mrs. Gammal had been planning a party for their dance class, depending on their behavior during the recital.

"Well, I don't think you all should be able to attend the party I was planning for the class...unless you all apologize to the class for talking during the show." The three girls walked onstage and apologized for their behavior during the show.

Mrs. Gammal invited all of



the dance class to the party. The girls learned a valuable lesson at the recital that day. Carrie,

Susan, nor Rebecca would ever disrespect Mrs. Gammal or any one else ever again.

by Andrew Head

As I looked around, I saw the graves of lost soldiers. I looked, and looked, and looked until finally, I saw him. By "him" I am referring to the person who used to love me, who used to tell me it was okay when we had thunderstorms, the person who taught me all the sports I know how to play. That person was my brother, Tim.

As I walked around the cemetery, I pondered to myself, "What could I have done to stop him from going off to Vietnam?" But I remembered that day long ago when my mother first received the telegram. She told me, when it was tearing me all up inside, "Joe, it will be okay. He would have wanted you to be happy that he is in a better place now."

I never really had a father. He left when I was four and Tim was eight. So Tim was the closest thing I had to a father. Tim was athletic and funny and all things I wished I could have been. But instead, I was the little brother who always tagged along. The teachers always told me that I was not as smart as Tim and would not amount to much. It made me mad, but not mad enough to dislike my brother. Not for a second, a minute, an hour, a day, could I not like my brother, even if I tried my best.

Life at home was really awful at this point. After Tim passed on, we were financially broke. Without him as a farmhand and making money at the sawmill, we had nothing except the shirts on our backs. The bank was foreclosing on our farm. What was I going to do? We even had to support Susie, Tim's wife who he had married one day before being sent off. She had been beaten up inside worse than me or my momma. They had been sweethearts since high school.

When I got back from the cemetery my mother had cornbread, fried chicken, turnips, butterbeans, and tea all waiting on the table for me. Something must have been up, because frankly, we were poor and did not have enough money to eat like this. As I went into the kitchen I saw my mother crying on the floor. I ran to quickly check her pulse. There was none. I immediately picked up the telephone and dialed 911.

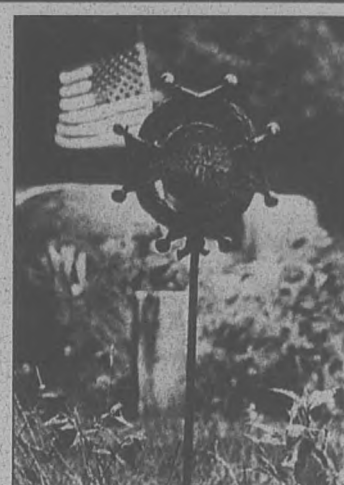
When the ambulance arrived

two men ran inside and checked her pulse. One of them shook his head and said, "She has passed, Joe." I did not need to hear anymore. I went flying out of the door and did not stop running. Questions were running through my mind like cars on a highway. What was I going to do? I was a country boy who flat out broke. When I was exhausted from running, I came back to the house. Upon arriving, all I could hear was Susie sobbing. She ran and grabbed me so tight I thought she had squeezed the life out of me. She whispered into my ear, "Joe, it is okay. I know you want to cry."

But I did not. I kept it bottled up inside me. Why cry? I had done enough crying for the both of us when Tim passed. I handled it the manly way, but really I wanted to cry like a baby with-out a momma. At this point in my life, thoughts of suicide began to creep into my mind. But this wasn't really an option. I had to take care of Susie. It was a promise I had made to my brother Tim before he was shipped off.

When I went to the morgue, they gave me Mom's possessions that she had with her when she suffered her fatal heart attack. They gave me her gold watch and a white sheet of paper. The gold watch had been handed down as family heirloom for the women. As for the sheet of paper, I had no idea what it meant. The number "three", "one", "five", "nine", and Tim's name were written on it. When I left the morgue Susie was waiting for me on the old Ford pickup truck. She assured me things were going to be okay and to let her know if I ever needed anything. I told her okay and she started up the truck. That ride from the morgue was probably the longest I had ever taken to my home. When we got there I just looked at the food, ran upstairs, and fell right down on the bed.

That night I experienced a life-changing dream. I dreamed that Tim had come up to me and said, "If you look a little closer, it will come to you." I immediately woke up, trying to replay the dream again and again in my mind. I thought about it until finally, it all came together in my mind. For the rest of the night I just sat there and thought about



Tim and Mom. God, how I already missed my mother, and I also felt as though I missed my brother more than at any time in the past. But right now, everything was in place.

When I heard Susie rumbling about the next morning, I immediately ran downstairs and said, "You have to take me straight to the bank." She asked no questions. When we got the bank, I asked for somebody to help me with a certain account. The bank cashier to whom I was referred simply asked, "What can I do for you?"

After I told her of my mother's death, she then inquired, "What is the account number and what is the password?" I responded with the numbers from the white sheet of paper, "Three-one-five-nine, and Tim is the password." She took me right to the safe deposit section of the bank and opened the deposit box. I looked inside the box and found two stocks and bonds, both from 1862 and valued at one hundred dollars on their face. I asked, "How much are these worth apiece?" She responded with, "One hundred thousand dollars." I almost fainted and when I gained my senses I could not recall a time in my entire life when I felt such relief.

When we left the bank, I instructed Susie to take me to the flower shop and then to the cemetery. After getting to the cemetery, I searched until I found him. I laid the red roses by his grave and told him, "Thanks." After that I figured I had enough money to pay the bank what I owed them and maybe still have enough left to fix up the farm. I still think to this day about my brother Tim and my mother enjoying themselves in heaven. Maybe someday I will get to see them again.

Diamond necklace given to E.E.S. student's mom

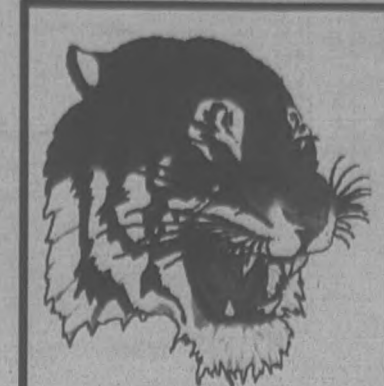
by Kayla Kelley



Sage Kelley wrote an essay worthy of winning his mother, Dana Kelley, a diamond necklace. The necklace was awarded by Reed's Jewelers of Dothan.

The necklace was rewarded to Mrs. Kelley by Jenny, store manager. Mrs. Kelley was very proud of this necklace and will

truly cherish it because it came from the heart of her son.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock &
Kayla Kelley

E.H.S. Student Spotlight

by Kayla Kelley

This week's student spotlight belongs to Miss Ashley Bailey.

Ashley is the 14-year-old daughter of Dave and Nelda Bailey. As an eighth grader at EHS, Ashley is involved in many things. She participates in Jr. Beta, FBPA, FFA, FCCLA, SGA and is a majorette for the Elba Marching Tiger Band.

In her spare time, Ashley enjoys playing volleyball and basketball, cheering, twirling and swimming. Ashley's future plans are to finish high school and transfer to the University of Alabama.

If she could describe herself in three words, she would choose friendly, caring and outgoing.



Ashley Bailey

Congratulations, Ashley, on being chosen as this week's student spotlight!

Elba High holds Senior Honors' Day program

Note: The following information was designed to be accompanied by photographs. Unfortunately, a disc error prevented the pictures from being used.

Senior Honor Graduates: Cameron Irwin, Lyndsay Lawford, Kristin Barnes, Anna Harrison, Mallory Allen, Rebecca English, Cornelius Wright, Justin Williams, Kaleb Dyess, Bradley Bane, Ashley Gibson, Alison Smith, Jennifer Grissett, Jessica Merklin and Brittany Clark.

Senior Beta Members: Ryan Gibbs, Cameron Irwin, Lyndsay Lawford, Kristin Barnes, Anna Harrison, Mallory Allen, Rebecca English, Taylor McGuire, Allison Brunson, Justin Foushee, Kevin Hays, Kaleb Dyess, Bradley Bane, Ashley Gibson, Alison Smith, Jennifer Grissett, Jessica Merklin, Kristi Spinks, Britney Clark and Adam Spicer.

Enterprise-Ozark Community College scholarships: Kristi Spinks, Clark Skinner, Ashley Gibson, Aaron Harrelson, Cornelius Wright, Adam Spicer and Lance Sutley Lurleen B. Wallace.

Community College scholarships: Ashton Grimes, Carmeisha Wright, Ashley Gibson, Jennifer Grissett, Britney Clark, Bradley Bane, Reese Stricklin, Curtis Rushing, Trent Baker, Yalonda Reynolds and Jessie Thigpen.

Troy University scholarships: Alison Smith, Ashley Gibson, Justin Williams, Anna Harrison, Kaleb Dyess, Carmeisha Wright and Rebecca English.

Mallory Allen and Cameron Irwin were awarded scholarships from the Coffee County Chapter of The University of Alabama Alumni Association and also the Wiregrass Chapter of the American Society of Military Control. **Cameron Irwin** also received the Toledo Molding and Die

scholarship. **Ashley Gibson** was awarded a scholarship from Troy University Dothan. She received a journalism scholarship from Troy and the Alabama Grocers Association scholarship.

Jessica Merklin was awarded a scholarship from the University of West Alabama and Judson College.

The Troy Club Elba Chapter awarded scholarships to Alison Smith, Taylor McGuire and Carmeisha Wright.

National Security scholarships were awarded to Jennifer Grissett and Clark Skinner.

EDSCO employee scholarship went to Jesse Schultz.

Adam Spicer received the Earl McCollough Memorial Award and Adam Waddall Memorial Scholarship.

Josh Miller received the First Baptist Church-Eris Paul Sunday School Class Scholarship.

Elba Rotary Club scholarships went to Kristin Barnes, Ashley Gibson, Cameron Irwin and Justin Williams.

Kristin Barnes received the Cash Brothers Leasing Auburn scholarship and the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa scholarship.

Will Barnes received a Big/Little Stores Inc. scholarship.

The James Gibbs Memorial Scholarships went to Mallory Allen, Kristin Barnes, Lyndsay Lawford, Bradley Bane, Kaleb Dyess, Anna Harrison, Britney Clark, Cameron Irwin, Adam Spicer and Jesse Schultz.

Mallory Allen and Bradley Bane were the Wendy's Heisman EHS nominees and recipients of the United States Army Scholar Athlete Award. **Kaleb Dyess** was a Coca Cola "Share the Dream" Essay Contest Finalist.

Ashley Gibson and Jessica Merklin received the Alabama Association of Secondary School

Principals award. **Ashley, Jessica and Mallory Allen** were the nominees of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship and received the Farm City Outstanding Youth Award for Coffee County.

Mallory Allen was selected the DAR Good Citizen.

Taylor McGuire was selected the EHS Good Citizen.

Bryant-Jordan Foundations Scholar Athlete Award.

Evan Tew received the Bryant-Jordan Student Achievement Award and AL Vocational Rehabilitation Recognition.

Kristin Barnes and Taylor McGuire were the 2004 Boy and Girl State participants. They were also the Alabama Youth Summit participants.

Kristin also participated in the Alabama Youth Council on HIV Education and Prevention.

Band Completion awards went to Carmeisha Wright, Jessica Merklin, Alison Smith, Justin Williams, Samuel Pulliam, Kristi Spinks and Greta Robinson.

Senior Ambassador members included Jennifer Waters, Anna Harrison, Kaleb Dyess, Jennifer Grissett, Taylor McGuire, Bradley Bane, Kristi Spinks, Lyndsay Lawford, Melinda Dodd, Britney Clark and Jessica Merklin.

Waters received the Ambassador of the Year award. **Military awards** went to Marquize Tyson (Alabama National Guard) and Carlos Arzu (Navy).

Justin Williams received the Phillip Sousa Award. **Greta Robinson** received the Directors Award of Band.

Ryan Gibbs was presented a plaque of appreciation in honor of his dedication and support of Elba High School Athletics.



Wallace Community College offers Stress Management Seminar

Stressed out? The Wallace Community College Workforce Development Division is offering a one-day stress management seminar Friday, June 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The course is designed to help healthcare professionals and the

public learn effective stress management methods. Dr. Habiba Shaw, a diet, nutrition and health education specialist with the Tuskegee University Cooperative Extension Program, will share ideas on healthy ways to control the stressors in your life.

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SCHOOLS

Elba High School holds Honors Day program for grades 7-11



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7th GRADE "A-B" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS were Manfred Bobbitt, Janae Canley, Taylor Creel, Brock Lambert, Lindsay McClung, Kayla Rials and Keithren Rodgers.



OUTSTANDING ENGLISH STUDENTS (Jr. High and High) were Andrew Head and Kayla Kelley.



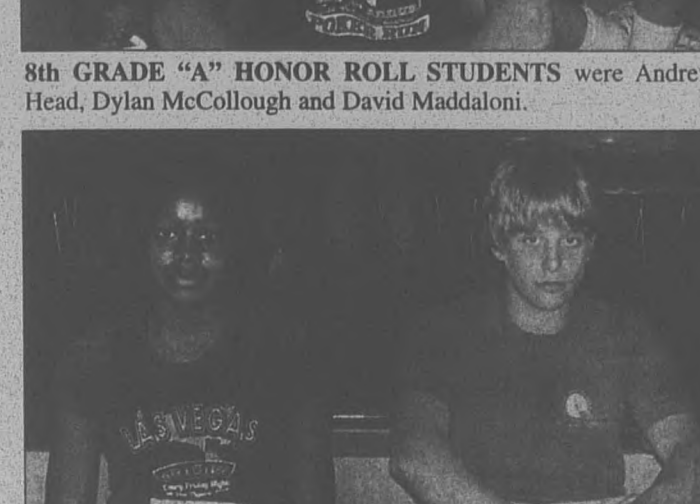
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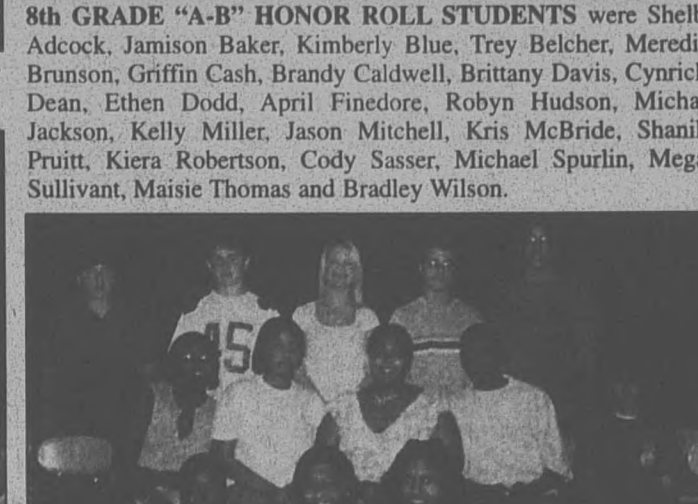
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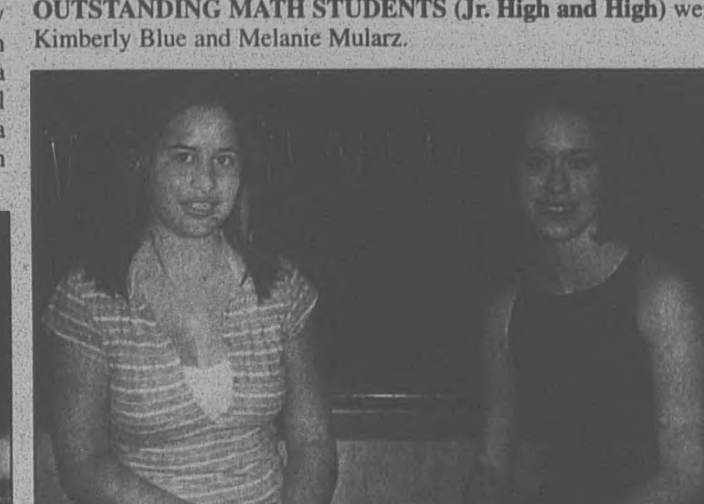
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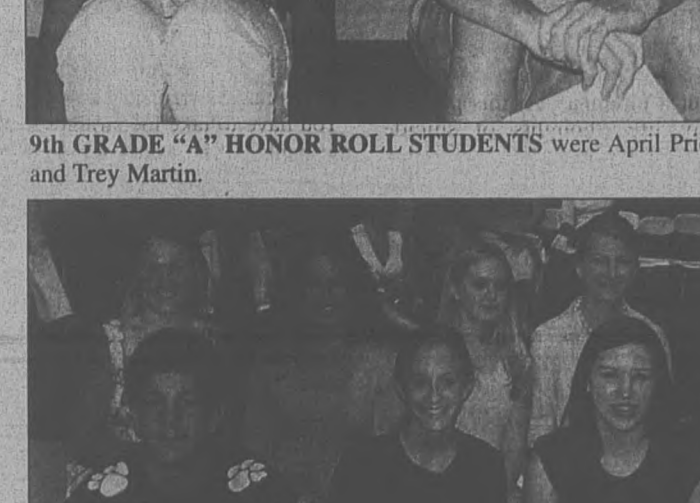
9th GRADE "A" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS were April Price and Trey Martin.



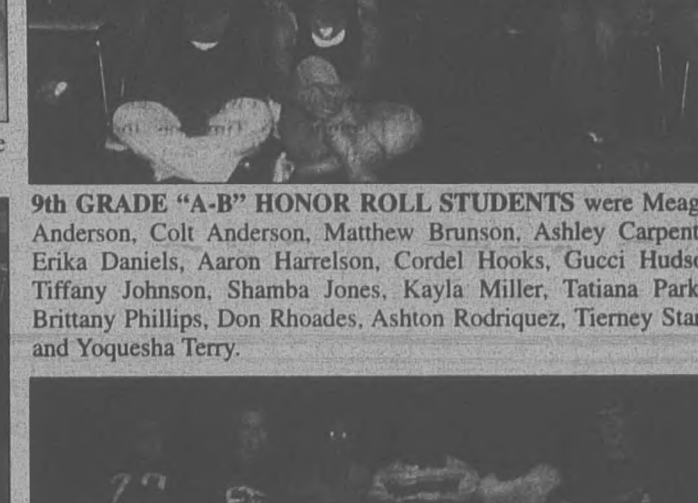
9th GRADE "A-B" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS were Meagan Anderson, Colt Anderson, Matthew Brunson, Ashley Carpenter, Whitney Kilcrease, Eric Britin, Whitney Bailey, Wesley Calhoun, Adam Henderson, Chafin Johnson, Kelecia Magwood, Ryan Phillips, Don Rhoades, Ashton Rodriguez, Tierney Starks and Yoesha Terry.



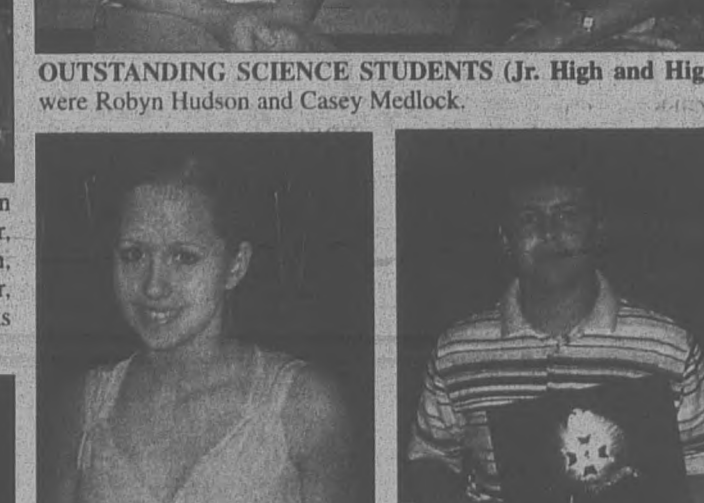
OUTSTANDING SCIENCE STUDENTS (Jr. High and High) were Robyn Hudson and Casey Medlock.



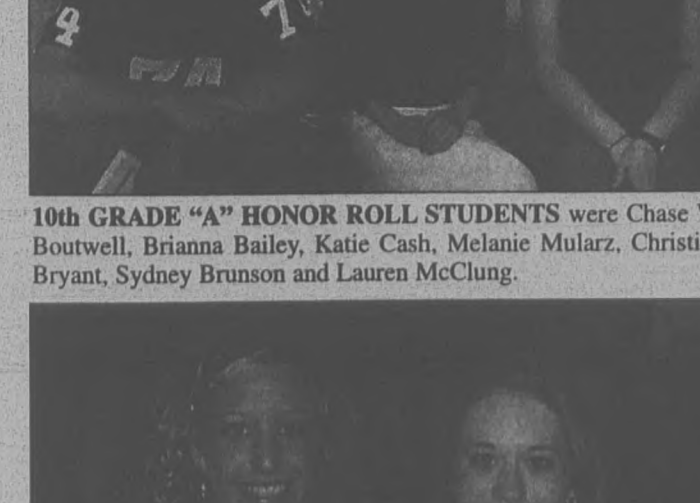
10th GRADE "A" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS were Chase W. Boutwell, Brianna Bailey, Katie Cash, Melanie Mularz, Christina Bryant, Sydney Brunson and Lauren McClung.



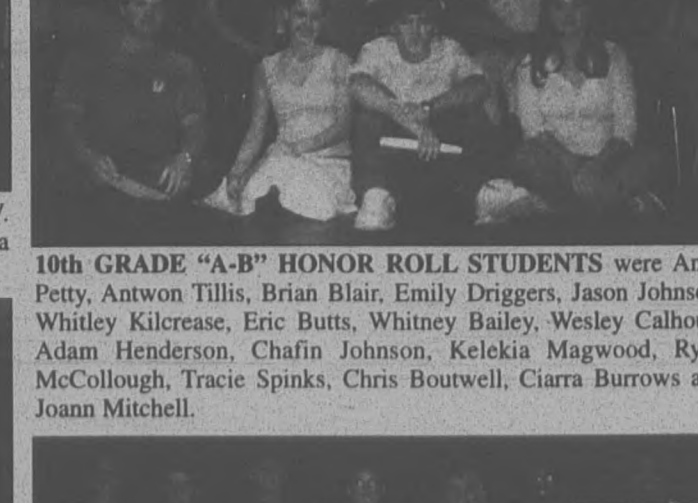
10th GRADE "A-B" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS were Anna Petty, Anton Tillis, Brian Blair, Emily Driggers, Jason Johnson, Whitney Kilcrease, Eric Britin, Whitney Bailey, Wesley Calhoun, Adam Henderson, Chafin Johnson, Kelecia Magwood, Ryan Phillips, Don Rhoades, Ashton Rodriguez, Tierney Starks and Yoesha Terry.



OUTSTANDING SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS (Jr. High and High) were Whitney Kilcrease and Keithren Rashad Rodgers (not pictured).



11th GRADE "A" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS were Kayla Kelley, Casey Medlock and Ashleigh Waddail (not pictured).



11th GRADE "A-B" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS were Whitney Anderson, Emily Bradshaw, Amber Hood, Lyndsay McClung, Whitney Kilcrease, Eric Britin, Whitney Bailey, Wesley Calhoun, Adam Henderson, Chafin Johnson, Kelecia Magwood, Ryan Phillips, Don Rhoades, Ashton Rodriguez, Tierney Starks and Yoesha Terry.



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADORS honored were Whitney Anderson, Stephanie Baxley, Tori Brooks, Ashley Canley, Duke Carr, Lashonda Cole, Stephanie Corder, Timothy Jackson, Kayla Kelley, Todd Kelley, Elena McCormick, Hunter McGuire, Casey Medlock, Gale Olson, Amanda Pope, Dustin Rhoades, Kendall Stinson, Judson Vaughan, Ashleigh Waddail, Justin Watkins, Elizabeth Weeks, Shawnda Whitfield, Shawanna Wright and Jamey Greek (honorary).

See Next Week's Paper for More Honors Day Pictures!

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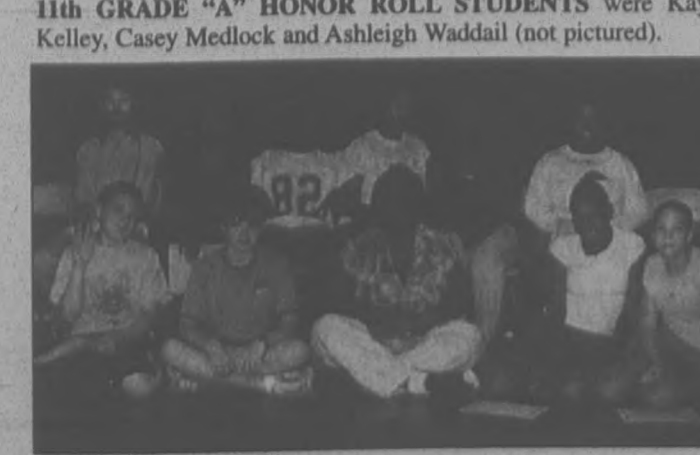
An Evening of Dance, 2005

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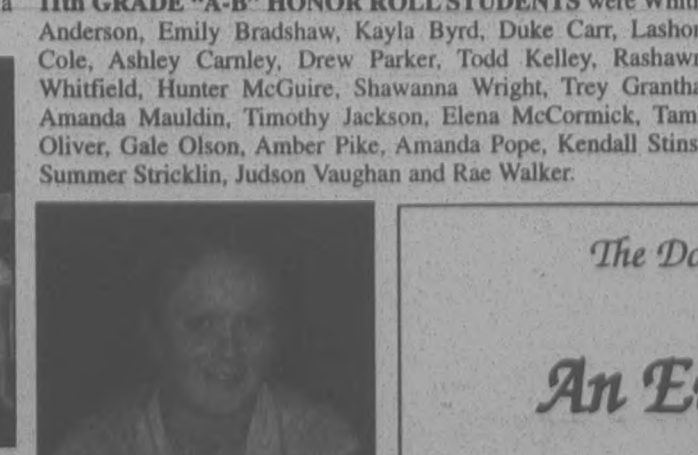
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STUDENTS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE were 7th grade - Ethan Carpenter, Zachery Gilbert, Amber Hood, Lyndsay McClung, Keithren Rashad Rodgers and LaTanda Tyson; 8th grade - Kollera Burrows, Quenton Caldwell, Francine Dixon and Tempest Parker; 9th grade - Ericka Daniels, Justin Hummonds, Cordel Hooks, Tiffany Johnson and Tatiana Parker; and 10th grade - Rob Allen.



MORE 7TH-11TH HONORS DAY PICTURES NEXT WEEK IN THE ELBA CLIPPER!!!

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CASE NO: DV-05-07

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Kathy Jo Edge

You are hereby notified that a Complaint has been filed in the District Court of Coffee County, Alabama, against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 9th day of June 2005, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you. This the 11th day of May 2005.

James M. Counts, Circuit Clerk Coffee County, Alabama 5-19-26, 6-2, 9, 16 chg.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLORIA MOUNT TYLER, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. PC-05-41

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Toby Vance Tyler, as Executor of the Estate of Gloria Mount Tyler, deceased, on the 10th day of May, 2005, by the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Toby Vance Tyler Personal Representative 5-19-26, 6-2, 9, 16 chg.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MYRTLE EVELYN PURVIS, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. PC-05-45

NOTICE OF CO-ADMINISTRATORS

Letters of Administration of said decedent's estate having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of May, 2005, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael Odis Purvis Personal Representative 5-19-26, 6-2, 9, 16 chg.

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Call, don't click when requesting a federally mandated credit report

The Institute of Consumer Financial Education suggests that you call the toll free number, (877) 322-8228, rather than click for a free credit report from the AnnualCreditReport.com.

A new report shows that consumers may be better off calling for their federally mandated free credit report instead of going online because some 96 known imposter domains exist. Some 68 of the imposter domains belong to Experian, a credit bureau, and 68 other imposter sites belong to or are hosted at "pay per click" companies.

Some 50 of the pay per click domains are live, and some are luring consumers to inappropriate and risky Web sites, such as Experian and other credit companies' commercial sites to cash in on the credit bureau's identity marketing programs.

Additional issues were found at the official AnnualCreditReport.com site. The primary finding was that the credit bureau's address, if you see the site is not secure, close your browser and start over. Secure sites will have a padlock logo in the corner, and the address will read https:// instead of http://

receive marketing information and have their information shared with affiliates and partners.

Experian and Equifax have potentially confusing menu navigation bars that do not clearly distinguish between the free areas of credit report access and the for-pay sections.

The ICPE offers several tips to consumers to help ensure safety of their credit report.

* When phoning the toll free number for a free credit report, ask that only the last four digits of your SSN be displayed on the reports mailed to you.

* If you call for your credit report or have it mailed to you, have it mailed to a secure mailbox.

* Know that you are not required to give out your e-mail address to obtain a federally mandated free credit report.

* If you choose to go online to access your credit report, be absolutely sure you have not mistyped the address. If you see the pop-up site or if you notice that the site is not secure, close your browser and start over. Secure sites will have a padlock logo in the corner, and the address will read https:// instead of http://

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The Coffee County American Red Cross will hold the following Disaster Training:

Family Service Training June 4, 2005 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Introduction to Disaster June 11, 2005 10 a.m.

Both trainings will be held at the Chapter office at the Enterprise Civic Center and is free of charge. To register please call 347-2461 or e-mail cccr@adelphia.net

TO: Charles Royer

You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 16th day of July 2005, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you. This the 18th day of May 2005.

James M. Counts, Circuit Clerk Coffee County, Alabama 5-26, 6-2, 9 & 16 chg.

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SPORTS

Views From.... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School has been out for less than a week, but at the Mularz house we are already working on a set of rules for the summer and a few of the first rules put in place included cleaning bedrooms and making the beds before leaving the house, washing and drying dishes before going to bed at night and washing clothes before the sun goes down. While the rules will lead to a lot less stress for the girls and parents, I won't betcha a dime they won't get broken at least a few times before threats have to be made.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Elba's Stephanie Baxley was named to the South All-Stars for the upcoming North-South All-Star Softball Series at Huntsville, and the junior pitcher will get the chance to show fans and coaches from all across the state just how good she is when she takes the field against the best juniors from Alabama. Baxley has won over 20 games in two of her three seasons as the Lady Tigers' starting pitcher and this past season struck out 387 batters in 221 innings and posted an earned run average of 0.79. While the Lady Tiger standout will be tested by the state's best, she does have history on her side since Elba's Chastity Williams and Melissa Mularz both played in the all-star series and both brought home MVP awards and continued their careers in college. Yep, it looks like the Elba girls have already proven they are among the best in the state and Baxley should have a real shot at continuing that rich tradition.

*** The three county schools all participated in spring football games over the past few weeks with both Kinston and New Brockton posting wins. The Bulldogs from Kinston used a tough defense to post a 6-0 win over McKenzie, while the Gamecocks from over at New Brockton downed Headland 8-0 and played just as hard as always. Zion Chapel struggled in a 22-0 loss to Wicksburg, but showed a new look and showed it still had a few kinks to work out. All three county schools have solid football programs and are looking forward to next season.

*** One of the busiest bunch of youngsters around the county this summer have to be the players on the West Coffee baseball team. The team, sponsored by the Elba Recreation Department, competes in the Dixie Pre-Majors baseball program for boys ages 15-16 and has a 3-1 game schedule. The team has already played eight games and competed in one statewide tournament, and there is little rest ahead. Players on the team are from Elba, Zion Chapel, New Brockton and Kinston, and by the time the season winds down these guys should be more than ready for the district tournament.

*** In closing.... the youth baseball and softball seasons are winding down and that means the all-star tournaments cannot be far behind. I once again urge all parents to support their children and let them know they had successful seasons even if they are not picked for the all-star teams. The key to athletics is for youngsters to compete and have fun, and whether or not they make all-stars should not take away from that experience.

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Smith and Parker named to "Super 12" baseball team

The Dothan Eagle announced its "Super 12" high school baseball team last weekend and included among those named to the honored list were Zion Chapel's Josh Smith and Kinston's Garret Parker.

Smith, a senior, posted a 6-4 record on the mound as the Rebels' #1 pitcher and recorded 124 strike-outs in 75 innings while posting a 1.21 earned run average. At the plate Smith batted .383 with 3 home-runs, 23 rbi's and 8 stolen bases. He has signed a baseball scholarship with Jeff Davis Community College, in Brewton.

Parker, a junior, batted .493 to lead the Bulldogs and knocked in 22 runs while scoring 8 runs and recording 8 stolen bases.

Following is the complete list of this year's "small school" "Super 12" selections:

Daniel Trawick, senior, G.W. Long; Wes Windham, senior, Geneva County; Michael Albarres, junior, Houston Academy; A.J. Howard, sopho-

more, Houston County; Matt Peters, senior, Wicksburg; Clay Thomley, junior, Wicksburg; Garret Parker, junior, Kinston; Robby Evans, junior, Florida; Josh Smith, senior, Zion Chapel; Cam Sloop, junior, Northside Methodist; Brett Birdsong, senior, Abbeville Christian. Player of the Year - Nick Davis, senior, G.W. Long. Coach of the Year - Earl Miller, G.W. Long.

"Super 12" large school selections: Mason Meredith, junior, Northview; Michael Matherly, senior, Enterprise; Robert Brooks, junior, Enterprise; Justin Williams, junior, Carroll; Michael Precise, senior, Geneva; Brett Barnes, sophomore, Opp; Daniel Holder, senior, Rehoboth; Josh Sowell, senior, Headland; Jamey Padgett, senior, Headland; Brett Andrews, senior, Slocomb; Matt King, junior, Slocomb. Player of the Year - Matt Sullivan, senior, Daleville. Coach of the Year - Chuck Walker, Daleville.

Elba's Rials pleased with results of annual "Black and Gold" game

The Elba Tigers concluded spring football practice recently with the annual "Black and Gold" intra-squad game and Coach Scott Rials stated he was pleased with the team's progress in the three weeks of workouts.

"We didn't do a lot of work on conditioning and it showed a little in the heat at the intra-squad game," admitted Coach Rials, "but the players all worked hard during spring drills and we got a lot accomplished in a lot of areas. We had most of our skill people back from last season and that resulted in more team work than usual during the spring as we worked hard to make certain we had our offensive and defensive looks in place and set. We found out we have some good young players ready to step in and battle in the offensive and defensive line and also found some depth at other positions. We know we still have a lot of work to do before the season rolls along in August. However, we have a couple of camps lined up for the backs and receivers and a camp for the linemen. We will work hard on conditioning throughout the summer and I think we have a chance to be a pretty good football team the next time we line it up for a game."

The Black outscored the Gold 32-27 in the annual spring game and was led on offense by quarterback Brandon Kelley with

105 yards rushing and 4 touchdowns on 11 carries and 130 yards passing as he completed 5 of 11 passes. Trey Davis added 41 yards on 8 carries from his fullback position, while Relle Kelley gained 16 yards on 2 carries and Mason Gullett gained 15 yards on 2 carries and scored 1 touchdown. Mason Gullett was the leading receiver with 2 catches for 90 yards and Reynard Rodgers had 2 catches for 31 yards and Chafin Johnson had 1 catch for 9 yards. The Black defense was led by Ryan McCollough with 4 tackles, Cory Miller with 3 tackles and Trey Davis with a fumble recovery.

The Gold offense was led by quarterback Jacob Forbes, who completed 5 of 10 passes for 250 yards and 4 touchdowns. Frank Morris led the receivers with 3 catches for 112 yards and 2 touchdowns, while Ron Hill pulled in 1 pass for 70 yards and 1 touchdown and LaRay Williams caught 1 pass for 68 yards and 1 touchdown. Stefaun Burks led the Gold in rushing with 48 yards in 8 carries, followed by LaRay Williams with 1 carry for 18 yards and Jacob Forbes with 4 yards on 3 carries. The Gold defense was led by LaRay Williams with 8 tackles, Chase E. Boutwell with 7 stops and Stefaun Burks with 3 tackles and 1 interception.

Baxley and Mularz are statistical leaders for 2005 Lady Tigers

Following are team leaders in individual statistics:

OFFENSIVE STATISTICS
BATTING AVERAGE
1. Melanie Mularz .333, 2. Stephanie Baxley .283, 3. Ashley Carpenter .241, 4. Yolanda Reynolds .236, 5. Whitney Lawford .189.

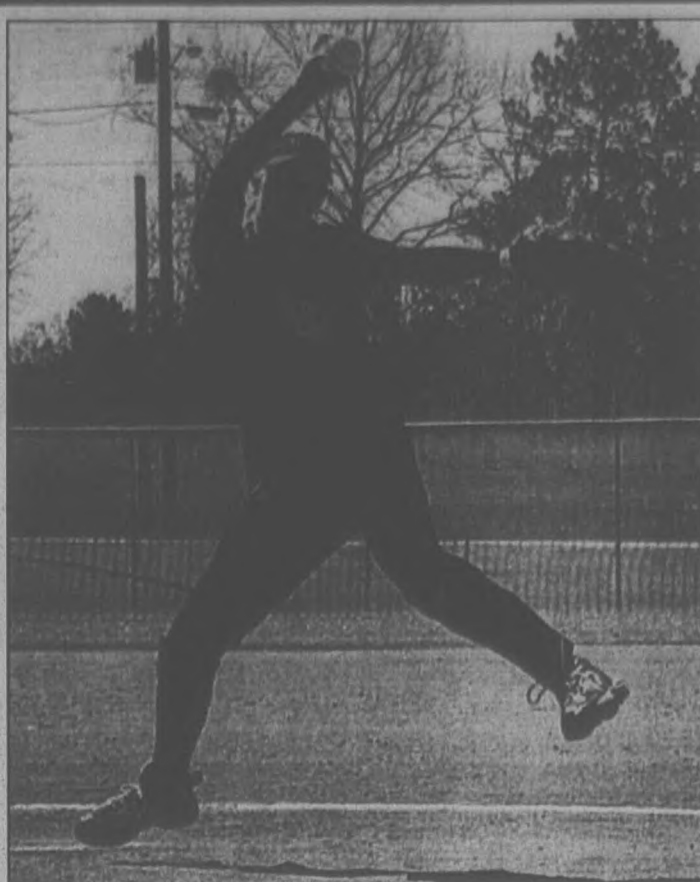
TOTAL HITS
1. Melanie Mularz 28 and Stephanie Baxley 28, 3. Yolanda Reynolds 25, 4. Ashley Carpenter 21, 5. Whitney Lawford 18 and Krystan Parker 18.

RUNS SCORED
1. Yolanda Reynolds 19, 2. Ashley Carpenter 18, 3. Melanie Mularz 17, 4. Stephanie Baxley 16, 5. Whitney Lawford 15.

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
FIELDING PERCENTAGE
1. Melanie Mularz .923, 2. Whitney Lawford .919, 3. Stephanie Baxley .899, 4. Kristen Barnes .833, 5. Yolanda Reynolds .786.

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Stephanie Baxley (Laura Baxley photo)

Elba's Baxley named to South squad for annual North-South high school all-star series

Teams and coaches for the North-South softball teams competing in the ninth annual Alabama All-Star Sports Week on July 11-15 in Huntsville were announced last week and included on the South team is Elba pitcher Stephanie Baxley.

Baxley, a junior, posted a 23-10 record during the 2005 season and led the Lady Tigers to the Class 2A state tournament. Baxley pitched a total of 221 innings and allowed only 25 earned runs on 83 hits and 45 walks and struck out 387 batters. The hard-throwing right-hander recorded 8 shut-outs and posted an earned run average of 0.79.

Both rosters are composed of upcoming seniors and the all-stars will play a double-header on Wednesday, July 13, at the Metro-Kiwanis Sportsplex, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Coaching the South will be Wren Aaron, of Gulf Shores and Karl Smeltzer, of St. James, with Susan Barnes, of Elba, serving as the administrative coach. Team members include (Infielders) Dorothy Knapp, Demopolis; Kala Moore, Verbena; Beth Spear, Auburn; Jenny Stevens, Jackson; Courtney Barber, Alabama Christian; Whitney Barrett, Wetumpka; Eric Pierce, St. James; (Outfielders) Angela Cassidy, Satsuma; Katie Harris, Oak Mountain; Leslie Winberg, Daphne; (Pitchers) Brooke Ross, Wetumpka; Holly Raggsdale, Dadeville; Stephanie Baxley, Elba; Whitney Ivey, Baldwin County; (Catchers) Haley Houston, Thompson; Kerri Ivey, Thompson; (First Base) G.W. Long, G.W. Long; (Second Base) G.W. Long, G.W. Long; (Third Base) G.W. Long, G.W. Long; (Shortstop) G.W. Long, G.W. Long; (Left Field) G.W. Long, G.W. Long; (Right Field) G.W. Long, G.W. Long.

Coaching the North will be Randy White of Addison and Danny Dabose of Oak Mountain, with Kent Chambers, of Bob Jones serving as the administrative coach. Team members include (Infielders) Erin Rae Duke, Munford; Courtney Terry, East Lawrence; Cameron Skates, McAdory; Jenny Young, Bob Jones; (Outfielders) Kalia Tinker, Brooks; Andrea Taylor, Vestavia; (Pitchers) Andrea Palmer, Waterloo; Sara Beth Medley, East Limestone; Tiffany Burks, Gardendale; Laura West, Sparkman; Ashley Pratt, Bob Jones; Beth Lawson, Hazel Green; Caitlin Lee, Clay Chalkville; Anna Thompson, Grissom; (Catchers) Kristina Prater, Athens; Whitney Schrimsher, Sparkman and Maggi Eades, Clay Chalkville.

Teddy Sasser wins 40-lap Vintage feature at South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway held a special 40-lap feature for its Vintage class Saturday night. Teddy Sasser took the lead on lap 16 and went on to win the extra distance race.

Jason Windham grabbed the early lead from the pole position with Sasser on his bumper. The races only caution flew on lap 13 and Sasser pulled up tight for the restart. When the green flew, Sasser began to look of a r way past the leader. That opportunity came three laps later. Sasser moved inside of Windham to take the lead as Windham's ride fell off the pace. Sasser held a commanding lead that "he wouldn't" surrender. Matt Culbertson was several car lengths behind Sasser when the checkers fell. Kip Whitehead moved from seventh starting spot to finish third. Duane Bates was fourth, followed by Steve Stewart.

In the Super Stock Feature, Jamie Ater led all 20 laps to take the win. Greg Adams came from the fifth starting spot to finish second. Adams was followed by David Ashley, Ron Joyner, and Jacob Permenter.

Kevin Peel, starting ninth, had to run down early leader Randy Herrick with out the aid of a caution before claiming another Modified Feature win. Herrick jumped out to a comfortable lead early while Pell was following Jamie Ater through traffic. Peel moved past Ater for second on lap ten and took the lead two laps later. Once out front, Pell cruised to Victory Lane. Ater was second, followed by Herrick. Terry Malone was fourth with Damon Hammond fifth.

Sam Smith was back in

Victory Lane after the Street Stock Feature. Jeff Rudd led the first two laps before giving up the lead to Chad Roberts. Roberts led the next 17 laps before Smith eased by on the inside. Smith then pulled away to his fourth win of the season. Roberts held onto second, followed by Michael Walding, Rudd, and Ray Hudson.

It was a race between brothers in the Roadrunner Feature. Charles Gardner took the lead from the pole and led the first three laps before John Singletary took control. Singletary had plenty of company up front with Gardner, LaDunn Stokes, and brother Jason all challenging him for the front spot. Jason Singletary moved into second on lap 13 and the brotherly war was on. The siblings ran side by side for several laps, swapping the lead back and forth. John, on the inside, had the slight advantage and was finally able to pull ahead of his brother to grab the top spot. However, with two laps to go, John left a slight opening on the inside and Jason seized the opportunity. With the preferred groove, Jason was able to grab the lead and take home another winner's trophy.

Gardner held on to third, followed by Tim Peters and Stokes. In the Coyote Feature, Jimmie Hager grabbed the lead on the second circuit and went on to pick up the win. Hager survived a three-wide battle for the lead, giving a big advantage as his competitors got crossed up. That advantage was wiped out with a lap nine caution but Hager was able to maintain the lead after the yellow period. Max Nelson finished second with Aaron Nelson third, Ben Baxley fourth, and Clay Segars fifth.

SPORTS

Plenty of action as season heads down home stretch in youth baseball and softball leagues

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation continued its youth baseball and softball seasons last week with plenty of hits, runs and action in each and every game.

Following are last week's highlights:

COACH PITCH BASEBALL

Giants 16 Cardinals 11 - The Giants outscored the Cardinals 16-11. Tanner Hudson, Avery Hancey, Matthew Marler and Ty Stewart all scored 3 runs for the Giants, while David Bryant scored 2 runs and Tyler Hobbs and Hayden Chandler both scored 1 run. Talon Flowers scored 3 runs for the Cardinals, while Tydece Sistrunk and Kenneth Neil Amison Amison both scored 2 runs and Logan Davis, Tripp Hudson, DaQuan Jordan and John Morgan all scored 1 run.

Giants 10 Cubs 7 - The Giants claimed a hand fought 10-7 win over the Cubs. Michael Partrish scored 2 runs to lead the Giants, while Avery Hancey, Matthew Marler, Ty Stewart, David Bryant, B.J. Free, Peyton Wilkerson, Hayden Chandler and Tyler Hobbs all scored 1 run. Cavosaa Stinson and Denzell Thomas both scored 2 runs for the Cubs, while Jordan Kidd, Shawn Carter and Harley Sanders all scored 1 run.

Cubs 21 Cardinals 10 - The Cubs outscored the Cardinals 21-10. Cavosaa Stinson scored 4 runs to lead the Cubs, while Denzell Thomas and Harley Sanders both scored 3 runs. Stone Collins, Trinton Smith, Shawn Carter and Jacob Smith all scored 2 runs and Troy Funk, Issaiah Kyles and Jordan Kidd scored 1 run each. Levi Morgan and Braxton Robinson both scored 2 runs for the Cardinals, while Logan Davis, Chance Johnson, Grant Akridge, Kenneth Neil Amison, DaQuan Jordan and Tanner Skinner all scored 1 run.

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Elba Marlins 6 Zion Chapel Red 5 - The Elba Marlins scored the winning run with one out in the final inning to ease past the Zion Chapel Red 6-5. Hayes Spicer, Hayden Disotell and Ashton Senn both had 1 hit to lead the Marlins, while Logan Bailey and Tyler Bobbit both scored 2 runs and Mason Davis and Jordan McDaniel scored 1 run, each. S. Stephens had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while D. Mobley added 1 hit and scored 1 run. B. Schindler and N. Sanders both added 1 hit and E. Lott, J. Golden and T. Black all scored 1 run.

Elba Reds 23 New Brockton Cardinal 6 - The Elba Reds pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 23-6 win over the New Brockton Cardinal. Harry Griffin had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Reds, while Austin Johnson added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Nathan Miller had 1 hit and scored 4 runs, Jon Ashley Amison and Kysan Edwards both had 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Chip Curtis had 1 hit and scored 2 runs, John Gray and Aquante Jones both scored 2 runs and Justin Kidd scored 1 run. Dylan Clarke had 1 hit to lead New Brockton, while Christian H. scored 2 runs and Regan Little, Grady Whitaker, Chase Henley and Marquis Neal all scored 1 run.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Elba Gold 6 Zion Chapel Red 5 - The Elba Gold pulled ahead early and held on late to defeat the Zion Chapel Red 6-5. Bo Wiggins and Jeremy Duncan both had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Gold, while Guntar McCollough added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Seth Hancey and Cameron Johnson both had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Brantson Bowers had 1 hit.

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

New Brockton Cardinal 12 New Brockton Gray 2 - The New Brockton Cardinal pulled ahead early and then pulled away to down the New Brockton Gray 12-2. Brandon Lee had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Cardinal, while Jerry Weeks added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, A.J. Johnson had 2 hits and scored 1 run, Anthony Bryant had 2 hits, David Stinson had 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Solomon Harris had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Jonathan Kelley had 1 hit. Austin Bryant and Seth Culverhouse both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gray.

Elba Gold 12 Elba Black 2 - The Elba Gold led all the way in a big 12-2 win over the Elba Black. Colton Vaughan had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gold, while Dylan McCollough, Andrew Head, Bradley Wilson and A.J. Johnson all had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Michael Spurlin had 2 hits to lead the Black, while Aaron Drewery had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Ryan Poe added 1 hit.

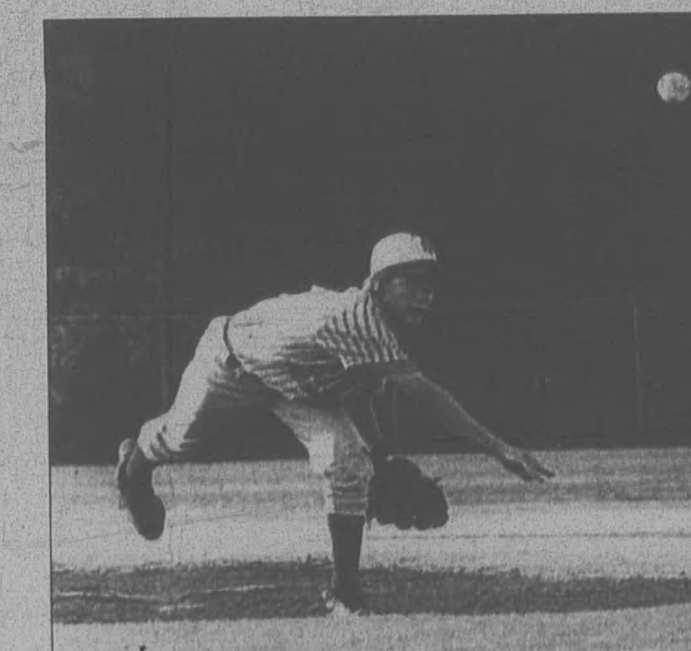
Zion Chapel Red 16 Zion Chapel Gray 6 - The Zion Chapel Red scored runs in bunches to outscore the Zion Chapel Gray 16-6. Lance Walden had 2 hits and scored 3 runs, Justin Winters had 1 hit and scored 4 runs, Ethan Mount had 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Kendall Chappell had 1 hit and Weston Brown and Nathan Bagwell both scored 2 runs. Tanner Grant and Robbie Thrash both had 1 hit and



A Zion Chapel softball player makes a stop in recent Dixie Ponytails action at Hawkins-Williams Park. (Laura Baxley photo)



A Cubs batter takes a mighty swing and makes contact in recent action in Coach-Pitch baseball at Hawkins-Williams Park. (Laura Baxley photo)



A Brantley pitcher brings one to the plate in recent action in Dixie Boys baseball at Legion Field. (Laura Baxley photo)

Picking the right time to go fishing can be based upon many ideas

By Stan Windham
County Extension Coordinator

With spring time upon us, folks everywhere are beginning to get interested in fishing. Many people in the Wiregrass do not need spring time to fish. They simply need an open day and they are "gone fishing."

We have had several calls to the Extension office related to the popularity of fishing in our area (from new residents), fish habits, when fish feed, low tide, high tide, etc. The following information was compiled from The Old Farmer's Almanac and the American Sportfishing Association.

Best Times to Fish (The Old Farmer's Almanac):
One hour before and one hour after high tides, and one hour before and one hour after low tides. This is true even for freshwater fish.

During "the morning rise" (after sunup for a spell) and "the evening rise" (just before sundown and the hour or so after). When the barometer is steady or on the rise. (But, of course, even in a three-day driving northeast, the fish aren't going to give up feeding. Their hunger clock keeps right on working and the smart fisherman will find something he wants.)

When there is a hatch of

flies—caddis flies or mayflies, commonly. (The fisherman will have to match the hatching flies with his fly or go fishless.)

When the breeze is from a westerly quarter rather than from the north.

When the water is still or rippled, rather than during a wind. Starting on the day the Moon is new and continuing through the day it is full.

What People Fish For in Freshwater (American Sportfishing Association):

Bass	35%
Trout	18%
Catfish	11%
All species	9%
Bream	6%
Crappie	6%
Carp/muskie/panfish/pike/sha	5%
d/stehead/striper	5%
Walleye	5%
Perch	3%
Salmon	2%

I hope these pointers and information will be of help to you in your outdoor activities. We have also had several inquiries about pond information. If you have any questions related to ponds, call our office at 894-5596 or you can contact Mike Newman at the Department of Conservation at 347-9467.

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Swimming lessons set for June 6-10 at Elba city pool

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor beginner swimming lessons on June 6-10 at the City Pool at Hawkins-Williams Park.

Lessons will be from 10:00 until 12:00 daily and will cost \$10 per person. To register call the Recreation office at 897-6833 or the pool at 897-0555.

Sixth annual Boll Weevil golf tourney set for June 16 at Tartan Pines

Enterprise-Orzak Community College will host its Sixth Annual Boll Weevil Golf Tournament at Tartan Pines Golf Club on Thursday, June 16, 2005. The format will be a four-person scramble with a 1:00 pm shotgun start. The entry fee of \$75 per player includes free range balls, green & cart fees, door prizes and dinner. Players may purchase two Mulligans at \$5 each. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three gross and net teams. Prizes will be awarded for "closest to the pin" and "longest drive" winners. For more information, contact Dr. David Chalker at dchalker@eccc.edu or (334) 347-2623 x2235.

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A Giants player looks back to make sure he has his foot on the bag in recent Coach-Pitch baseball action at Hawkins-Williams Park. (Laura Baxley photo)

scored 1 run to lead the Gray, while Steven Petry added 1 hit. **Zion Chapel Red 11 New Brockton Gray 0** - The Zion Chapel Red pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to down the New Brockton Gray 11-0. Matt Branson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Lance Walden and Ethan Mount both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Kendall Chappell scored 2 runs. Keundra Edwards had 2 hits to lead New Brockton.

Elba Gold 23 Zion Chapel Gray 0 - The Elba Gold scored runs in every inning to post a big 23-0 win over the Zion Chapel Gray. Both scored 2 runs and Summer H. Caitlyn K. Marie B. Hannah C. and Tara M. all scored 1 run. Morgan Matthews had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Blaze, while Emily Hudson and Brinley Williams both scored 2 runs and Mandi Mallory, Ty Carpenter, Chelsea Spann, Brittany C. and Shae Sams all scored 1 run.

Zion Chapel 11 Elba Blaze 10 - Zion Chapel rallied late to outscore the Elba Blaze 11-10. Mallorie Holloway had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Heather Blutz, Taylor Hudson, Hannah Goodson and Markell Senn all scored 2 runs and Whitney Rugg and Cheyanne Nelson both scored 1 run. Morgan Matthews had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Blaze, while Chelsea Spann added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Paris Person had 1 hit and scored 1 run, Mandi Mallory had 1 hit, Emily Hudson and Maggie Johnson both scored 2 runs and Shae Sams and Chloe Simmons both scored 1 run.

DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL
Samson 16 Elba Blaze 11 - Samson pulled away late to down the Elba Blaze 16-11. Tori Crews and Heather M. both had 1 hit and scored 3 runs to lead Samson, while Erin Bowden and Victoria H. both scored 2 runs and Summer H. Caitlyn K. Marie B. Hannah C. and Tara M. all scored 1 run. Morgan Matthews had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Blaze, while Emily Hudson and Brinley Williams both scored 2 runs and Mandi Mallory, Ty Carpenter, Chelsea Spann, Brittany C. and Shae Sams all scored 1 run.

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DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL

Kinston 7 Elba Jammers 1 - Kinston led all the way to defeat the Elba Jammers 7-1. Sam M. Ashley S. and Brittany M. all had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Bethany H. added 1 hit and Erika R., Cara S., Courtney B. and Darrin D. all scored 1 run. Molly McGuire had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Jammers. **Elba Blues 9 Samson 8** - The Elba Blues pulled ahead early and held on to edge past Samson 9-8. Jacquetta Whitefield had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Blues, while Jamie Griggs added 1 hit and scored 3 runs to lead the Blues, while Jamie Griggs added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Cortnee Driggers added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Brianna Jackson had 1 hit and Sidney Crittenden, Katlyn Calhoun and Elisa Dewberry all scored 1 run. Leahann Mullins and Kristen Rivera both scored 2 runs for Samson, while Lisa Holly, Gabby Money, Sarah Jenkins and Samantha Miller all scored 1 run.

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